

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application and for courtesies extended during the Examiner Interview conducted on November 12, 2006.

Attorney Docket Number

Applicant respectfully requests that the attorney docket number be changed to **09428/183001** and future communication be sent to the address associated with customer number **55346**.

Drawings

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate whether the drawings filed on August 31, 2001 are acceptable.

Summary of Examiner Interview

An Examiner Interview was conducted on November 12, 2006. During the interview, the Applicant's Attorney and the Examiner discussed the invention as well as the teachings of the cited prior art. No agreement was reached during the interview.

Request for Examiner Interview

Applicant respectfully requests an Examiner Interview to discuss the referenced application at a date and time convenient for all parties. An Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form is attached to this reply.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1, 3, 6-9, 11-15, 18-21, 24-36, and 39 were pending in the referenced application. Claims 8, 31, and 32 have been cancelled by this reply without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 18, 27, 33, and 39 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 18, 27, and 33.

Claim Amendments

Independent claims 1, 18, 27, 33, and 39 have been amended to clarify the following: (i) the UI view definition specifies a layout of a plurality of panels in the user interface; (ii) wherein the UI view manager instantiates, as part of the user interface, the plurality of panels, (iii) wherein each of the plurality of panels comprises a wrapped control, (iv) wherein each wrapped control comprises a control and a wrapper, (v) wherein each wrapper provides an interface between the control and the UI view manager, (vi) wherein each control comprises an application, (vii) wherein each application generates a graphical output; and (viii) wherein the output of each control is displayed, using the UI view manager, in the one of the plurality of panels in which the control is located. Support for the aforementioned amendments may be found, for example, in Figures 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 4 and paragraphs [0049]-[0051], [0069], [0071], and [0080]-[0081] of the referenced application. The aforementioned paragraph references correspond to paragraph references in corresponding US Patent Application Publication US 2003/0043192.

In addition, claims 6, 9, 11-13, 20-21, 24-26, 29, and 35-36, have been amended to address antecedent basis issues arising from amendments made to the aforementioned independent claims. No new matter has been added by any of the aforementioned amendments.

Claim Objections

Claims 18, 27, 33, and 39 were objected to for including a typographical error. Claims 18, 27, 33, and 39 have been amended to correct the typographical error. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 3, 6-9, 11-15, 18-21, 24-36 and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0085020 ("Carroll"). Claims 8, 31, and 32 have been cancelled by this reply. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot with respect to the cancelled claims. To the extent that this rejection applies to the amended and non-amended pending claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, the independent claims have been amended to clarify that: (i) the UI view definition defines the layout of a plurality of panels within the user interface; (ii) each panel includes an application; and (iii) that the application generates a graphical output, which is displayed in the corresponding panel in the user interface using the UI view manager. Accordingly, the claims as amended require the presence of multiple applications, each displaying graphical output in an appropriate panel in the user interface.

Turning to the rejection, in order for a cited reference to anticipate the claimed invention, each and every element set forth in the claim must be found, either expressly or inherently

described, in the cited reference. (*See* MPEP §2131). The Applicant respectfully asserts that Carroll does not disclose all of the limitations recited in the amended claims.

Specifically, Carroll, at best, teaches the generation of a graphical user interface for a *single application* using an XML file. See Carroll, Abstract. However, Carroll does not disclose generating a graphical interface that supports the presentation of graphical output from *multiple applications*. Further, Carroll is completely silent with respect to a separate application (*i.e.*, a UI view manager) configured to obtain and display, in the correct location within the user interface, the graphical output generated by a number of other applications.

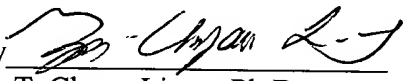
In view of the above, Carroll fails to disclose all the limitations of the independent claims. Thus, amended independent claims 1, 18, 27, 33, and 39, are patentable over Carroll. Pending dependent claims are patentable over Carroll for at least the same reasons as amended independent claims 1, 18, 27, and 33. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 09428/183001).

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